a thing that puts in jeopardy the success of the whole campaign. Write him a stiff letter.

At last Prince Schwarzenberg shows signs of life. **He** has sent in an officer to ask for an armistice. It would not be easy to match such cowardice! He had constantly refused, in the most insulting terms, to discuss any suspension of hostilities. The hounds! — at the first reverse, they are on their knees! Happily the aide-de-camp of Prince Schwarzenberg was not allowed to pass (the outposts). I merely received his letter, which I shall answer at my convenience. I shall grant them no armistice till my soil is purged of their presence.

(To Count Tascher de la Pagerie.) Tascher, start back for Italy to-night; you may stay over in Paris long enough to see your wife but without communicating with anybody. You will tell Eugene that I defeated the best troops of the coalition at Champaubert and at Montmirail; that Schwarzenberg has sent me an aide-de-camp to-night asking for an armistice; which does not take me in, for it is only to trick me and gain time. You will tell him that had Marshal Victor carried out his orders precisely, by moving from Melun to Montereau yesterday, the Bavarian and Wlirtemberger corps would have been surprised and caught at a disadvantage, and then having only the Austrians, who are poor soldiers, in his front, he would have driven them before him by cracking a whip in their backs; but that as nothing of what was ordered was done we shall have to attempt something else.

Tell Eugene I am pleased with him, that he may announce to the army of Italy that I am satisfied with it;